MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I only said that I believe that people have been informed, this is the usual custom.

Vernacular Middle School for South Ariad.

44. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether they have received representations in 1114 M. E. from the Public of South Ariad and Ariad North Pakuthies in the Ambalapuzha Taluk, requesting to raise the South Ariad vernacular Primary School into a Vernacular Middle School;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any departmental enquiries or investigations have been made by the Director of Public Instruction on the representations; and

(*c*) the result of such representations and investigations?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the honourable member the date of the first representation on this matter by the people of the locality?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: It was before the re-opening of the schools last year.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the result of the enquiries?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sanction has been accorded.

Fee concession to the students belonging to Panan Community.

45. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether fee concession is given to the students belonging to *Panan* community;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) the percentage of literacy both in Malayalam and in English among the members of this community; and

(*d*) whether they were given the fee concession before the revision of the rules relating to the fee concession?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whethe the fee concession is given to the students of this community studying in the English schools?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether any representation has been submitted to the Director of Public Instruction regarding fee concession by students belonging to this community in the Hindu High School, Tiruvella?

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